Explore Your Heritage: Conduct an Oral History Interview!

What is oral history?

An oral history is the personal stories or memories of individuals, recorded through person-to-person interviews.

Many of the stories in Foxfire came from students just talking with family members! Your parents and grandparents might not have grown up in a log cabin, but they still have stories to share. Ask a relative the questions listed below and record their answers. Was there anything that surprised you? Draw a picture depicting a scene from one of their stories and share it with them!

• Where did you grow up?

• How big was your family?

• What was your favorite food as a kid? Did you make or grow any of your food?

• What was the earliest toy you remember playing with?

• Did you have a favorite story or book as a kid?

• What was your least favorite chore?

• What was school like?

• Did you have any special holiday traditions or a favorite celebration?

• Do you own something that belonged to your grandparents or parents?